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IT has been no ſmall addition to our ſatisfaction, at the good reception our 257th *Journal* met with from the public, to find ſo full a confirmation given to it under the hand of an illuſtrious member of the college of phyſicians. This is Dr. DANIEL TURNER, who in the *Poſtſcript* to his *Letter* to Dr. JURIN, juſt publiſhed, intitled, *The Drop and Pill of* Mr. WARD *conſider'd*, &c. tells him, that he himſelf 'has been charged with being the compiler 'of that account of Mr. WARD's *pill* and *drop*, but that 'he knows not the author; yet, at the ſame time, returns him hearty thanks, as the whole kingdom ought 'to do, for his induſtry, in collecting the *Caſes*, and that 'honeſt zeal he has ſhown, to ſafe-guard his countrymen from that danger they may ſee others have been 'betray'd into, under the ſpecious views of *infallible* 'remedies'. Beſides this encomium on the author, the Doctor has done him ſtill more honour, by 'taking the 'liberty to tranſcribe his twelve *Caſes*, for the ſatisfaction of all thoſe into whoſe hands the *Journal*, whence 'they are extracted has not fallen'.—This reaſon, we apprehend, is built upon a ſuppoſition which may not poſſibly prove true, viz. That the Doctor's *Letter* will *fall into the hands of* ALL *thoſe into whoſe hands* the Journal *has not fallen*. And we apprehend beſides, that if this had been the true reaſon for *tranſcribing thoſe Caſes*, the Doctor would have fairly mentioned *The Grub-ſtreet Journal, No.* 257. inſtead of ſaying only *The Journal*; which in the great number of Papers with that name, is no diſtinguiſhing title at all. Our *Journal* has indeed been continually pillaged by ſeveral hackney, latent members of our ſociety; who reprint our pieces, particularly the poetical ones, as their own: but we did not imagine, that we ſhould have met with the like uſage from ſo eminent a phyſician and author. However, as we have never hitherto ſuppreſſed the titles of pamphlets, or names of authors, in order to rob either the proprietors of their advantage, or the writers of the reputation of their own works; ſo we ſhall not now, by way of retaliation, return the Doctor's uſage upon himſelf; but ſhall give a faithful *Abridgment* of his *Letter*; that our readers may here find in our *Journals*, as we promiſed, a continued ſeries of reaſonings and *Caſes* relating to the ſucceſs of this famous *drop* and *pill*.

The Doctor in the firſt place aſſures us, that this *drop* and *pill* are not *Mercurial*; becauſe not one inſtance can be given of their making the mouth or tongue ſore. He next concludes the *pill* to be *Antimonial*, but denies it to be the *Kermes mineralis* of the *French Diſpenſatory*, and apprehends it rather a *Præcipitate* like *Algarot*, tho' of a different colour, from the cauſtick oil or *Butter of Antimony*. —He then tells us, that about 50 or 60 years paſt, there was one RUSSEL (not the author of *Ruſſel's powder*) who had been an itinerant mountebank, but marrying a lady of ſome eſtate, hired a very handſome houſe in Holborn, near Grays-inn-gate; and coming here acquainted with a chymiſt, got a preparation of *Antimony* from him, like this of Mr. WARD's, if not the ſame, which was prepar'd at the Doctor's houſe, and call'd his *Panacea*, or *Golden ſulphur of Antimony*. The Doctor ſays, he was himſelf one of his patients, and going often to his houſe, ſaw his Black bring of this red powder in a ſmall earthen platter into his ſtudy; where his maſter weighing it out, would moiſten the ſame with a liquor, and form it into pills of the bigneſs of large pins-heads, reſembling, both in bulk and colour, theſe of our new ÆSCULAPIUS; ten of which being put into a ſmall tin-box, were ſold for as many ſhillings. The poor, who made an intereſt to my lady, had them *gratis*, their operation was rough, both upwards and downwards, like the other Dr. RUSSEL's *powder*; and as LOCKYER's would frequently work, according as they met with conſtitutions more robuſt or weak. The Doctor's *pill* did not ſurvive him, but through ſome fatal accidents, like theſe of Mr. WARD's, was ſoon blaſted; and he fell then upon a ſafer and more popular medicine, which was his *Spirit of ſcurvy-graſs*, both *plain* and *purging*, with which he furniſhed all parts of the kingdom, as well as many a-broad. His nameſake's *powder* kept its fame longer, but gradually declined for the ſame cauſe, and is now, in a manner loſt. Mr. LOCKYER's held out ſtill, and 'till within 20 or 30 years paſt, ſome hundreds of pounds have been annually returned thereby. —— Thus you ſee the fate of theſe *Empirical medicines*; and how it is poſſible for ſome antiquated ones after miſchief's forgot to come into play again, or be revived; an inſtance of which we have ſurely now before us, as lately in the *crude Quickſilver*, which was tamper'd with in the laſt age, and brought once more into great requeſt in this; but ſunk almoſt again, by the popular eulogye of the *drop* and *pill*. Thus it will always fare with remedies, however powerful in themſelves, diſtributed without judgment, or indiſcriminately to all people, without any regard to the ſtate and condition of the bowels which are to entertain them, or to any circumſtances whatever in the ſick, or his diſeaſe, favouring or oppoſing their adminiſtration, p. 2. . . . . 7.

The Doctor then proceeds to give ſome account, how ſome real cures may have been effected by this medicine. —If we conſider the action of the ſtomach, during the operation of a ſtrong vomit, like moſt of theſe *Antimonial* ones, together with that of the muſcles therein concern'd, which according to mathematic *calculus*, is ſcarce credible; we ſhall leſs wonder, that not only its own cavity, or the near adjacent, but the moſt remote alſo in the whole animal fabrick, being drawn into conſent therewith, ſhould have their contents impell'd forwards by ſo forcible a contraction of all the fibres: by which the moſt rivetted obſtructions therein, may, in time, be this way opened; whilſt the fluxion of humours on any particular part is call'd off: whence tumours, or ſwellings of any kind, may be ſoften'd and diminiſh'd; ulcers diſpoſed for healing, which before would yield to no application whatever. Of this we have conſtant experience in Venereal cancers, and other corroſive *phagedænick* ulcers. And ſurely we need not wonder, if by the ſame way of revulſion, many chronical diſeaſes, from the heaping up of humours and obſtructing the veſſels, ſhould by this *drop* and *pill*, daily repeated, give way; many ſcorbutic, leprous or Venereal effects of the skin clear off; whilſt the morbid matter is caſt forth by a double, or triple diſcharge, vomit, ſtool, and ſweat. But then the hazard being very great, it is ſurely incumbent on all who take upon them the adminiſtration of ſuch remedies, to conſider thoroughly the ſtate and condition of the ſick, in regard to the ſoundneſs of his bowels and blood-veſſels, and of the fibres in general which compoſe them. To avoid the fatal accidents which frequently attend theſe violent medicines, the honourable Mr. BOYLE, who underſtood chymical pharmacy as well as the animal ſtructure, much better, I dare ſay, than Mr. WARD pretends, when he had found out any remedy, gave it into the hand of ſome learned and experienced phyſician, to make ſuch trials as might be done with ſafety, and to report to him the ſucceſs. p. 8, 9.

From the uncertainty of the operation of theſe remedies, and the manifeſt danger to which thoſe muſt neceſſarily be expoſed who venture on them, from the warranty of ſuch as know as little as themſelves of their nature, much leſs of the diſeaſes, and leſs ſtill of the human frame which is to grapple with them; the doctor thinks he ſhall do an acceptable piece of ſervice to the public, in laying down the following Cautions in reference to the uſe of them.

1. I would adviſe all hyſterical or hypochondriacal people, ſubject to be ruffled by any evacuation, or to be thrown into convulſive ſuffocations, palpitations at heart, with tremors on the nerves, to be careful how they engage with them: ſome ſuch I have known to have been thrown into ſuch a hurry of ſpirits by the operation, not recoverable for a long time after. —— 2. Theſe medicines can by no means agree with the hectical or conſumptive and thin habits, under any inflammatory ſtate of their blood, very apt upon ſtraining to break the incloſures of their tender veſſels. Some of theſe I have heard have fallen into profuſe hæmorrhages or bleeding at the noſe: and one that I was lately ſent for to, was ſeized, the night following the taking one of theſe *pills*, with a vomiting up a large quantity of blood, to which he is liable between whiles, and which, I have cauſe to believe, will be, at long run, fatal. —— 3. Such as labour under ruptures, whether of the navel, groin, or ſcrotum, muſt ſhun theſe medicines as they would rats-bane. Dr. D—D told a friend of mine very lately, he had viſited a woman with a navel rupture, brought upon her by the hard ſtraining in the working of this *pill*. — 4. Such as have weakened the tone of their ſtomachs by dram-drinking, whetting in the morning, or bottling a nights, and have brought upon them a loathing of all food, or after taking the ſame, immediately throwing it up again, can be no fit ſubjects for theſe remedies: for that, beſides their feeble, if not rotten *viſcera*, with their weak and tender veſſels, rendering them liable to a breach therein, their conſtant retchings, more eſpecially in a morning, which ſcarce any remedy can bridle, or put a ſtop to, will be encreaſed; and an over vomiting, or purging, haſten their deaths; of which I have had an account of two inſtances, in three months paſt. —— 5. Thoſe who bear not this evacuation, unleſs with difficulty; alſo ſuch as are eaſily ſet on vomiting, muſt be careful they are not, with the foregoing, overſet thereby; for that at ſometimes, the ſulphur of the *Antimony* adhering to, or being entangled in the tender coats of the ſtomach, whoſe lining, by preceding evacuation has been ſcour'd off, is continually ſtimulating to the excretion: and I could give as many examples of thoſe, where the operation has never ceaſed, till the ſick has been quite run down, and died ſtrongly convulſed. —— Laſtly, children, weakly perſons, and all others naturally prone to fluxes of any kind, and who are apt to throw up what they take upon the ſlighteſt occaſion, from mere debility or *atony* of its fibres, muſt be exceeding careful how they engage with theſe remedies. One ſingle *pill* (the only he ever took) taken by a poor fellow, who had been my patient, for a venereal nocturnal head-ach, after a moſt violent vomiting for ſome hours, produced, as I was told by the ſurgeon conſulted, between 60 and 70 ſtools, not without the moſt imminent danger of his life. *p.* 12, 13, 14, 15.

Having lay'd down theſe Cautions, the Doctor in the next place takes notice of the principal diſeaſes, in which according to vulgar report, theſe medicines have been, at ſome times, found ſucceſsful: ſuch as the gout and rheumatiſm, the ſcurvy, palſy, *lues Venerea*, king's-evil, and cancer itſelf. All the former, he thinks, we may readily give up, provided we had one inſtance of a true cancer abſolutely cured thereby.

Concerning this diſtemper he obſerves, that he never found it would ſuffer any other than lenients, internal or external; being ever exaſperated by a *ſtimulus* of any kind: ſo that the ſtrength of ſuch a revulſion as is cauſed by theſe remedies, tho' it may for the preſent take off the tention, relax the glands, and ſoften in ſome meaſure the induration for a time, yet ſoon after, the old leaven fermenting afreſh, the diſeaſe repullulates, and rages worſe than before, at length putting an end to a miſerable life. In confirmation of which, he relates four *Caſes*, two of which it will be of little conſequence to repeat, becauſe the perſons concerned are, as the Doctor owns, yet both alive, and one of them ſtill under Mr. WARD's care. The other two are as follows. p. 16, 17, 18.

CASE II. I had from Mr. D—IE. A poor woman was recommended to him with a painful ſchirrous hardneſs in the glands of her breaſt: he adviſed her to be quiet and not to tamper; the ſurgeons of the Houſe, particularly Mr. F—KE, were of the ſame opinion, that nothing could be done more than to palliate, and keep her quiet. However, by ſome intereſt or other, ſhe was recommended to Mr. WARD, and took his medicines with ſuch ſucceſs, that when Mr. D—IE ſaw her ſome weeks after, he was ſurpriz'd, the tention of the ſkin, by means of the ſtrong revulſion made by the operation, under the repeated vomiting, being much leſſened, the glands ſoftened, and the whole breaſt reduced. But ſome weeks after, the aſpect was not ſo promiſing: for the wolf (as the common people expreſs themſelves) began to ſhow its head again, *i. e.* the *fomes*, ſtifled for a time, threatening to burſt out a-freſh. Afterwards ſhe was denyed, and the ſurgeons not admitted to ſee her; and ſhe is ſince dead. p. 19, 20.

CASE III. I was deſired by a gentleman to viſit his ſpouſe; in one of whoſe breaſts I felt a large and painful knot, which had lain quiet for ſome years, but by improper topicks was exaſperated, and had put on the appearance of a true cancer. I asked her, Whether ſhe had courage to part with her breaſt? This gave offence; and I heard no more of her, 'till about a month or ſix weeks after, when by accident meeting her husband in the ſtreet, he told me, ſhe was almoſt well by taking Mr. WARD's *pill*, unknown to him; in the working of which, her breaſt broke, and diſcharged a great quantity of bloody water; ſince which her nipple had been drawn in, but ſhe was eaſier, and the breaſt a great deal leſs than when I ſaw it. I told him, I wiſh'd a continuance of the amendment, but own'd myſelf very doubtful, this retraction of the *tubuli lactiferi*, or milk-pipes, with the tucking in

of the nipple, being generally as ſure a ſign of a Cancer in the breaſt, as the painful knot therein itſelf. This day I heard that the patient was deceaſed. p. 20. 21.

As to the *Scrofula* or King's evil, I muſt ſay, I have ſeen ſome ſtubborn ulcers, where there were no foul bones, better diſpos'd for healing, after taking of theſe *pills* three or four times; but they have crack'd, feſter'd, and ſpread again quickly after: nor have I heard of any ſtrumous glands about the neck and *fauces* thereby reſolv'd: here indeed the revulſion is loſt, becauſe the humours in the operation of vomiting are ſtill more derived to thoſe parts; as is evident in thoſe conſtant tiplers of ſtrong liquors, who ſometimes from their violent retchings, and throwing up all they take, ſhall have their faces bloated, when the reſt of their bodies are emaciated and waſted away. *p.* 22.

As to the Scurvy and the French pox, I have heard of ſcabs and other breakings out, which by uſing of the *pill*, have caſt off, and dried away; but whether or no the Venereal poiſon is this way to be extirpated, as it has been at ſometimes by the late MISAUBIN's, and by the *Quickſilver pill*, I am alike doubtful: yet as to ſafety in the operation, I muſt give the preference to either of the two laſt; having known a poor fellow very nearly deſtroyed by the firſt. *p.* 23.

With reſpect to the Palſy, the Doctor owns it not improbable, that ſome who can bear the ruffle of ſuch repeated revulſion by theſe *Antimonial* vomits, may be cured by them: adding, that they may be more ſafely enterprized in phlegmatic ſoporous diſorders, where the nervous fibres are relax'd and ſluggiſh, than when they are in a ſtate of tention. Then having made ſome obſervations on the *Caſe* of MARY BETTS, he ſubjoins, I hope no one, under the like circumſtances, will try the experiment, upon an expectation of the ſame ſucceſs. Let them conſider firſt that part of the ſtory, relating to the operation, during which, *ſhe was, for* 12 *hours together, with great difficulty, kept alive*; and then poſſibly they may judge it fit only for thoſe who chuſe the chance (and a very ſorry one) of being cured, or kill'd, rather than drag on longer a very miſerable life. p. 23, 24, 25.

As to the Rheumatiſm, it is, I grant, leſs to be wonder'd at, if ſome ſtrong habits, with robuſt fibres, both muſcular, as well as nervous, ſhould, in the method of revulſion, after repeated evacuation of the humours, upwards and downwards, be ſet free of their confinement: but I ſhould expect the ſame regimen exceedingly hazardous to thoſe of differing tempers and conſtitutions; the ſound bottom may ride out the ſtorm, when the leaky founders. *p.* 26, 27.

As to the Gout, it has long been my ſettled judgment, that the prime phyſical intentions, are with SYDENHAM to ſtrengthen the digeſtion, and fortify the noble parts, leaving the gouty matter, thrown forth upon the joints, to ſpend itſelf there. For, tho' I have heard of ſome, who, by the uſe of my name-ſake's powder of *Turbith, Hermodacts, Scammony*, &c. have put by a fit, or leſſened it, by diſcharging the gouty matter in the way of ſtool; I have heard of others, who, by the ſame means, have brought the diſtemper upon their bowels, their ſtomach, or their brains, and notwithſtanding all endeavours, have thereby loſt their lives: one Caſe of which he relates of his own knowledge. *p.* 27.

In the *Poſtſcript* to his *Letter* the Doctor has tranſcribed at length the *twelve Caſes* publiſhed in our 257th *Journal*, to which he adds the two following.

CASE I. There has been a paralytic Caſe induſtriouſly conceal'd, and notwithſtanding all the application and Intereſt I could make, I have been denied admittance to the widow of the deceaſed. Thus much, upon the moſt ſolemn aſſurance, that no names ſhould ever be brought upon the ſtage, I have gather'd from a relation to the family; That about the middle of laſt month, the brother of a perſon who had laboured under a palſy on one ſide for ſeveral years, having read in the publick papers, of a great cure of that diſtemper, perſwaded him to take one of theſe *pills*; that in four hours after, he was ſeiz'd with a violent vomiting, and could not keep from the cloſe-ſtool, 'till he fell off in a fit; that they then laid him on the bed, with the pan under him, where he lay in cold ſweats, and very great agonies; the ſtools continuing to run from him, till he loſt all ſenſe, and fell into convulſions; his jaws lock'd up, and all his limbs contracted; in which poſture he died the ſame evening. *p.* 33.

CASE II. About ten days paſt, a gentleman in company with his wife, having ſome tetteriſh eruptions on her skin, conſulted with Mr. WARD, who made no doubt of curing her in time, if ſhe purſued his directions. When ſhe objected the weakneſs of her conſtitution, unable to undergo the operation of any rough medicines, he did aſſure her, that he would order nothing which the weakeſt perſon might not venture on with the greateſt ſafety, and gave her at that time, two of his *drops*, that is, the ſame number of his *ſack-draughts*, one of which ſhe took on the ſunday morning following, without other effect, than a little ſickneſs and vomiting. On the tueſday ſhe took the other, with as ſmall diſturbance as the firſt. On the next day, ſhe went again to Mr. WARD, who now gave her two of his *pills*, the one of which ſhe ſwallow'd the next morning, viz. on thurſday; this had as little effect as the draughts, but at night ſhe found herſelf ſwell'd, as if ſhe had been poiſon'd, which indeed ſhe was: however, on the friday ſhe lay by, continuing thus full, and pain'd in her bowels. On the ſaturday ſhe ventured on her ſecond *pill*, in hopes that might work off the reſt, when by noon ſhe was taken with enormous vomiting and purging at the ſame time, which after ſome hours continuance, threw her into ſtrong convulſions; ſo that ſhe loſt her ſenſes, and ſeem'd as one dead. The apothecary was call'd, and her husband propoſed a phyſician; but he told them, the whole ſtreſs lay upon getting down what quantities they could of ſmall broths, or other diluting liquors, which might waſh off the poiſonous ſalts, and defend her bowels from a mortification. In this condition ſhe continued all night; her fainting and convulſions often returning; and frequently no pulſe, or other ſigns of life. The day following, ſhe came a little to herſelf; yet is not, at this time, free from the malign impreſſion left upon her nerves by the poiſon, being ſtill, upon the leaſt occaſion, ſubject to the convulſive motions; nor, poſſibly, may ſhe ſuddenly, if ever, get clear from the ſame. *p.* 34, 35.

To theſe inſtances it may be objected, that many hundreds of people have taken, and are daily devouring, theſe *draughts* and *pills*, without theſe miſchievous accidents. To which may be anſwered, That the ſame number might very likely take *Arſnick* in that doſe, with as little complaint: it is not every one who takes ten times as much, that can diſpatch themſelves thereby, as they had intended. — It is ſo very difficult to come at all the fatal accidents which have fallen out in this way, that it may be made a queſtion, whether the one hundredth part is brought to light; the people who have been impoſed on, being aſhamed of their credulity, in liſtening with the herd after them, have ſtifled all they can: and unleſs they have been deſtroyed outright, which too, you ſee, has been the caſe, their friends care not it ſhould be known, but endeavour what they can to conceal them.— But the nature of theſe medicaments will better appear from the following more certain account of their compoſition, as the ſame is reported to have been communicated by the French king's phyſician; the original of which is at this time, I hear, or was very lately, in the cuſtody of that worthy and very learned man, Dr. P——T.

The DROP. ℞ *Butyr. Antimon.* ʒij. *Crem. Tartar.* ʒiv. *M. et Coq. in Aq. Com. q. ſ. per octo horas. deinde adde gradatim Ol. Tart. p. Deliq.* ʒiv. *Cola & Evapora ut paretur Sal. quod fluat. p. Deliq. Capiat hujus a gut.* j. *ad plures in hauſtulo vini albi cujuslibet molliꝛis.*

The PILL is ſaid to be no other than the *Vitrum Antimonii*, formed with the *drop* into ſmall *pills*, each of a grain weight. p. 36, 37.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *White-hall Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 12. On tueſday a board of Treaſury appointed Mr. Tho. Croſs to be ſurveyor of the window-lights for the county of Middleſex. *DP.*

The ſame day the wife of Capt. Smith was ſafely deliver'd of a daughter, in Scotland-yard. *P.* —— She was brought to bed of a ſon, and laſt night the lady and child lay both at the point of death. *DA.*

Eight butchers, who had been indicted at Hicks's-hall, for ſetting out meat on the lord's day, in Turmill-ſtreet and Cow-croſs, pleaded guilty, and were fined for the ſaid notorious offence: which it is hoped, may be ſufficient to deter them, and other butchers, from perſiſting in ſo profane and ſcandalous a practice. *C.* —— Cow-croſs. *P. DP. DJ.*—*It is to be hoped, that the worſhipful bench will proceed to take cognizance of the more* profane and ſcandalous practices *of other perſons on that* day.

They write from Cambridge, that the burſer of a certain college is gone off with 2000 l. *DA.*

Some days ſince the relict of Sir Tho. Bond, Bart. was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon and heir, at her ſeat in Wales, who has the name of Sir Charles: the account in ſome News-papers of Sir Thomas's dying unmarried being a miſtake. *DP.*

Married on thurſday, Mr. Howell, an eminent wholeſale druggiſt in Red-lion-ſtreet, to Miſs Ann Moor of Bunhill-fields, a young gentlewoman whoſe fortune is 8000 l. *P.* —— *The* DJ. *adds* 2000 l. *to her* fortune, *and makes her a* beautiful young lady.

This evening the corpſe of Sir George Saunders is to be interr'd in S. Olive's church in Hart-ſtreet, near Crutched-fryars: the following gentlemen are nominated to ſupport the pall, &c. *DP.* —— Laſt night his corpſe was interred at Queenborough in Kent. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 13. A meſſenger arrived on wedneſday night, who left her royal highneſs the princeſs of Orange in good health at Bruſſels. *DJ.* —— She arrived ſafe at Breda, *Dec.* 23. N. S. *P. DP. DJ. DA. Dec.* 18.

'Tis talk'd that the rev. Dr. Benſon will be made biſhop of Glouceſter. *DJ.*

A curious marble ſtatue of king William III, now finiſh'd by Mr. Chair, in a few days will be ſet up in the great Court yard before the new Bank in Threadneedle-ſtreet. On the pedeſtal is the following inſcription:

Ob legibus vim
Judiciis auctoritatem
Senatui dignitatem
Civibus univerſis jura ſua
Tam ſacra quam civilia reſtituta
Et illuſtriſſimæ domus HANNOVERANÆ
In imperium Britannicum ſucceſſione
Poſteris confirmata
Optimo principi
GULIELMO TERTIO
Conditori ſuo
Grato animo poſuit dicavitque
HUJUS ÆRARII SOCIETAS
A. C. MDCC XXXIV harumque Ædium I.

This day 160 felons will be conveyed from Newgate to Black-fryers ſtairs, to be put on board a cloſe lighter, in order to be convey'd to his majeſty's plantations, &c. *P.* —— They went laſt night. *DP.* —— This morning at one 155. *DA.*

On tueſday a veſſel bound for Port Mahon with recruits, was loſt going into Dover pier, and one man drowned. *DP.* —— The Purbeck, Capt. Sprake. *P.*— Sprack. *DJ.* —— Bray. *DA.*

Married, on ſunday, Geo. Williams, of Staines, Eſq; a gent. of 3000 l. per ann. to Miſs Green of that town, a young lady with a plentiful fortune. *C.*

Died, on wedneſday at his lodgings near S. Clements in the Strand, Mr. Miller, the tall Saxon, who fairly meaſured 7 foot 8 inches without his ſhoes. He had the misfortune ſome time ago to loſe two Bank notes amounting to 700 l. on which his wife hanged herſelf; he was above 60. *DP.* — A youth, ſon to Mr. Woodward at Mill-bank, ſet his veſt on fire, and was burnt in ſuch a miſerable manner, that he died yeſterday. *C.*——A little boy, belonging to Mr. Woodward, a gardener in the Willow Walk, ſet his frock on fire. *P.*—— On thurſday, at Norton in Suffolk, the famous painter, Peter Tillemans of Antwerp, *DA*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 14. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. John earl of Crawford, one of the 16 peers, to be colonel of a regiment of foot in the Leeward iſlands. *C.* —— Ric. Pottinger Eſq; member for Reading, is appointed a Welſh judge. *LE.*

We hear that her royal highneſs the princeſs of Orange's reckoning expires the firſt week in January. *DA.*

An order is gone to Ireland for the ſeveral regiments of foot to be forthwith compleated to the Engliſh eſtabliſhment. *LE.*

A cauſe hath been hearing 4 days before the right hon. the lord chancellor, between the lady Broughton, relict of Sir Thomas, and Mr. Wright of Warwick, for an eſtate of 14,000 or 15,000 l. which was decreed in favour of Mr. Wright. *LE.*

They have as yet had no account at the Admiralty of the ſewing up of Mr. Hancock in a hamock on board the Roebuck, on the coaſt of Newfoundland, and throwing him into the ſea. *DP.*

Laſt friday night, Mr. Reeves, a wealthy gardener at the Neat-houſes on Mill-bank, fell into the Thames and was drowned; and on thurſday night his body was found at Hungerford ſtairs. *P.* —— Neat-houſes at Chelſea. *C. DA.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 16. On friday the rev. Dr. Bradſhaigh, brother to Sir Roger, was ſworn in one of his majeſty's chaplains in ordinary. *DP.*—— Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Molloy preached before their majeſties, &c. *P.*—Rev. Mr. Molloy. *DP. DA.* —— The rev. Mr. Morell. *C. DJ.* 17.

His excellency the earl of Eſſex is by this time ſet out from the court of Turin. *DA. DP.*

They write from the Downs, that moſt of the ſhips there drove in the ſtorm on friday morning, and ſeveral parted their cables. *DA.*

They write from Worceſter, that on tueſday night a violent ſtorm blew down a new row of brick buildings 60 yards long, even with the ground. *C.*

A monument, in memory of the late Mr. Dennis, the celebrated poet, is to be erected amongſt thoſe of Ben. Johnſon, Dryden, Prior, &c. by a voluntary ſubſcription of ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, who maintained him in

his latter years. *P.*

Died laſt week, at his ſeat in Shropſhire, Sir Humph. Briggs Bar. and is ſucceeded by his brother Sir Hugh. *C.* —— Yeſterday ſe'nnight. *P. DP. DA.* —— On monday, at Broadwater in Suſſex, Mr. John Burnett, in his 106th year: who married 3 wives after he was 100, the laſt of whom died 6 weeks ago. *C. DA.* —— At Bowater. *DJ.* —— On wedneſday, at Hinchinbrook in Huntingtonſhire, Nich. Crew Eſq; nephew to the late lord biſhop of Durham. *P.* —— On thurſday, in Eaſt-ſtreet near Red-lion-ſquare, Mr. Philipps, author of ſeveral dramatic performances well receiv'd by the town. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Dec* 17. Yeſterday Mr. Quionie, one of his majeſty's meſſengers, arriv'd at Whitehall, from Stockholm: he had the misfortune, by the negligence of his guide, to fall with his horſe from a precipice into a vale of ſnow 15 foot deep, between Mount-Farlia and Farlemont, where he continued near 14 hours, but was happily got out by ſome perſons coming by, tho' almoſt periſh'd with cold, having loſt the uſe of 3 of his fingers, and one of his thumbs. *DP.*

Sir John Gonſon, chairman of the ſeſſions for the Tower diviſion, is appointed colonel of the 2d regiment of the Tower Hamlets. *DP.* — *Tam Marte, quam Mercurio.*

Laſt ſunday night, the houſe of Mr. Wellett, a linnen-draper in Cavendiſh-ſtreet, was robb'd of goods to the value of near 100 l. *DA.* —— Above 200 l. *DP.*

Died on friday, at his ſeat in Buckinghamſhire, the righ hon. lord Viſc. Barrington. *C. DJ.* — At her houſe at Whitton, the hon. Mrs. Eleanor Verney. *DA.* —— That lady is in good health. *DA. Dec.* 18.

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 18. The right hon. the earl of Granard, rear admiral of the White, is appointed rear admiral of the red; and capt. Haddock ſucceeds the earl. *C. P. DP.* —— Capt. Hagar is appointed rear admiral of the blue. *P. DP.* —— Capt. Purvis, member for Aldborough, is made a commiſſioner of the royal navy. *C. P.* —— *The* D A. *only ſays*, We hear that they will be appointed, &c

Yeſterday his grace the duke of Graſton, lord chamberlain, appointed Mr. Evans to ſucceed Mr. Brown, lately deceaſed, as page of the back-ſtairs to his majeſty. *DA.*

Laſt night a fire burnt down 2 houſes in S. Katherine's fronting the Tower, near Iron-gate. *DA.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Tum virgam capit, hac animas ille evocat orco
Pallentes, alias ſub triſtia tartara mittit.
VIRG. Æn. VI.

THERE is no privilege in which the authors of our Daily and Weekly Papers may more juſtly glory, than that of the power of life and death. Whom they will they ſend to the grave, and whom they will they reſtore to life again. As if, like their great predeceſſor MERCURY, in the motto, who was general intelligencer of both worlds, they had a wand committed to them, by which, with a ſingle tap, they could open and ſhut the gates of the infernal regions. Thus there is hardly a campaign, in which there are not ſeveral generals killed by the hands of theſe gentlemen, and after ſome time, ſurprizingly brought again into the field of battle. And even among thoſe who do not thus expoſe themſelves to war and danger, how many are there, who, by the power of his magic *caduceus*, do not, in a few days, expire and revive? There is hardly a biſhop in the kingdom, who has not undergone this fate. The worthy arch-biſhop of Canterbury, who, God be thanked, is ſtill living, has often, with pleaſure and ſurprize, read in theſe papers the account of his own death. Inſomuch, that he ſeems to have more lives than there are MUSES; as he has piety and learning ſufficient to adorn ſo many lives, and more than enough to employ all the MUSES. It is yet freſh in every body's memory, how inhumanly poor PARTRIDGE was treated by their brother BICKERSTAFF: untimely diſpatched into the other world, in ſpite of his teeth, and in ſpite of his own aſſertions to the contrary, ſolemnly proteſting, that he was not only alive ſome time after, but even at that very time when the advertiſement of his deceaſe was publiſhed. But alas! unhappy *Philomath*, all was in vain, there was no remedy, to the grave he muſt go when Mr. BICKERSTAFF pleaſed. It is likewiſe to as little purpoſe for PLUTO, or all the infernal powers, to think of detaining a ſubject below, when theſe feathered MERCURYS are diſpoſed to reduce him into the upper regions. There is one gentleman particularly, who has now been in his grave many years, whom theſe writers conſtantly, about this time of the year, reſtore to the land of the living, in order to *preach before his majeſty*; and that is *the rev.* Dr. COCKBURN. This was done in the *Daily Poſt Boy* and *Advertiſer* of *Dec.* 2. on which day, in the *Courant* his name was changed to COOBOURN. It is great pity but he ſhould now be ſuffered to ſleep quietly in his grave: or if the reverend old gentleman muſt ſtill be brought upon the ſtage to do duty, 'tis pity but he ſhould be reſtor'd to the living of *Northall.* The perſon who really preached at Court in his ſtead, was the rev. Dr. COBDEN.

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WEDNISDAY, *Dec.* 18, They write from Venice of the 11th, that tho' the garriſon of Capua, which conſiſted of 5600 men when they enter'd that place, march'd out but 4300 ſtrong; and that even 2000 of thoſe took on with the Spaniards. — Thoſe from Cremona of the 9th aſſure us, that the Imperialiſts have inveſted Guaſtalla, and confirm the account from Mantua, that the marſhal de Broglio is march'd with 20,000 men to the relief of it. *DP.*

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